

Recalibrate 2022
Be An Enlarger – Maximize Your Potential
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SERMON QUESTIONS & OBJECTIVES

1. What do they need to know?
 - Everything in God grows.
2. Why do they need to know it?
 - God desires to enlarge you on the inside.
3. How should we apply it?
 - Partner with God to expand your capacity.

OPENING LINE

You are larger and capable of more things on the inside than you give yourself credit for.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERMON

The prophet Isaiah begins chapter 54 by inviting people to cry out to God and ends with an incredible promise of legacy and heritage.

CENTRAL TRUTH

God is inviting you to become an enlarger and to achieve your potential.

MAIN PASSAGE

Isaiah 54:2-3 (NKJV)

² "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. ³ For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.

Isaiah 54:2 (NLT)

² "Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense! ³ For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your descendants will occupy other nations and resettle the ruined cities.

Key Points from The Passage

- Enlarge your tent
- Stretch out your curtains or put on an expansion
- Expand to the right and to the left
- Inherit nations
- Make desolate cities inhabited.

TRANSITION STATEMENT

You are bigger on the inside than you give yourself credit for.

MAIN POINTS

Historical Background

- The first 10 verses are a prophetic word to Jerusalem's restoration under King Darius. Israel's captivity is compared to the state of bareness.
- God's prescription for bareness and fruitfulness, is to cry out, sing and expand!

Characteristics of an Enlarger

An enlarger:

1. Realizes that God wants to increase their capacity for Him
2. Understand that ground zero (the foundation) must be based on integrity and character – that you can only build as high as your foundation can sustain.
3. Is generational in thinking – they consider the future
4. They walk in the future they profess, and testimonies ignite the miraculous power of God.

How do we become enlargers, maximize potential and increase our capacity?

REGRET – Die without regret

- Most people at the end of their lives look back with regret not so much at the decisions they have made but rather on the things they did not accomplish.

POTENTIAL – Die empty

- **The basic premise is that you will leave and deposit all your gifts, anointing, skills, on the earth. In other words, you will be emptied out and have achieved your purpose and destiny.**

- Pour out everything for Christ
- Paul said, "I have been poured out".

1. An invitation to sing and cry out

- a. An **Invitation**: To the barren to sing and cry out loud
- b. In our modern world of Christianity, we have lost the art of crying out to God
- c. God wants to wipe away your reproach
- d. Do not underestimate the "Song of the Lord" and the power of music.

2. An invitation to be stretched out

- a. **STRETCH** out the walls/curtains
 - God by nature is a stretcher, in God everything grows to its full potential and achieves its ultimate goal and objective:
 - Break limited thinking.

3. An Invitation to expand

- a. **EXPAND** - It is the same house that is expanded, it's not a new house – you are the house
 - Paul teaches that the believer is a temple, the house, or the dwelling place of the Holy Ghost
 - God desires to grow and expand within you, much like a baby that grows within the womb of the mother.

4. An Invitation not to spare any expense

- a. **DO NOT SPARE** – leave nothing undone and spare no expense
- b. By nature, expansions can be costly, and people may desire to cut corners and skip steps
 - o The Prophet is saying not to skimp or take the easy way out
 - o Expansions require the right skill set, the right materials, and the right resources.

5. An Invitation to be strengthened

- a. **Strengthen your stakes** – there is a process by which stakes were fortified
 - o Steaks are taken up
 - o Then cleaned
 - o Then re-sharpened with an axe
 - o Then driven down into the earth further and deeper than before
 - o It is a poetic illustration of how God sharpens His people and ensures that they are grounded and deeper than ever before.

2Samuel 22:30-38

³⁰ For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall. ³¹ As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. ³² "For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?" ³³ God is my strength and power, And He makes my way perfect. ³⁴ He makes my feet like the feet of deer And sets me on my high places. ³⁵ He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. ³⁶ "You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great. ³⁷ You enlarged my path under me; So, my feet did not slip. ³⁸ "I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

QUOTES & STICKY STATEMENTS

"The greatest of all miracles is that we not be tomorrow what we are today, but we can improve if we make use of the potentials implanted in us by God" ~Rabbi Samuel M. Silver

"The potential that exists within us is limitless and largely untapped...when you think of limits, you create them." ~Kriegal and Patler authors of the book, *"If It Ain't Broke, Break It"*

"When we become "enlargers", we maximize our potential".

Dr. Miles Munroe always encouraged his listeners to "die empty".

"I'm inviting you to expand, to be an enlarger".

"Spare no expense: don't cut corners".

"An invitation to sing and cry out".

"Enlargement is coming; renovation is coming".

"Don't take short cuts, don't go the easy route."

"How do we expand? There is a cost: there's a cost to expansion".

"Strengthen your stakes - stronger, deeper ".

"You were made to dance; you were made to sing."

“Die empty. If you analyze the quality of the items on your plate, then you can be an enlarger. You're bigger on the inside than what you see on the outside.”

“Everything in God grows.”

“You are who you are because people have invested in your life. In some shape or form you are a product of their investment”

“Even in our negative experiences we grow”

“Regret: Don't want you to die with regret. Potential is about making the future a reality.”

“Die empty. I left it all on the earth.” ~Dr. Myles Munroe

“Hit your potential.”

“Be an enlarger.”

THE CALL TO ACTION

Decide today that you will enlarge one person over the next year.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe some of the stakes that Holy Spirit has sharpened in your life.
2. Name the top thing that God desires to develop in your life.
3. How are you currently an enlarger? Who is assigned to you?
4. How can you increase your capacity for faith?
5. What level of your potential are you currently achieving?
6. Describe an event in your life or where Christ stretched you. Describe the process. What was the final result? What were the lessons learned?
7. Are there any regrets that you are struggling with today? How can you turn this around with the help of the Holy Spirit?
8. Is there anything in your life that is preventing you from dying empty? Describe what it is and develop a plan so that you will spend your all for Christ.
9. Are there any areas in your life where you are sparing an expense? Do you need to reevaluate areas where you are cutting corners or taking a shortcut? What do you need to put in place to turn this around?